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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021

**TIME:** Rise of the House

**PLACE:** Room 35 - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [5062](#)**

**BY McNamara**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND EARLY CHILDHOOD INNOVATION ACT {LC188/1} (Establishes the RI Early Childhood Innovation Act and authorizes department of human services to fund programs for at-risk kindergarten children of \$1,000,000 annually.)

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5193](#)**

**BY O'Brien, Corvese, Ajello, Biah, Kislak, Amore**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER SCHOOLS {LC691/1} (Limits to the creation of new district charter schools, independent charter schools, and mayoral academy's. Mandates state to not appropriate funding for charter schools.)

01/27/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Education

02/17/2021 Committee transferred to House Finance

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5208](#)**

**BY Serpa, O'Brien, Phillips, Lima**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- PAUL W. CROWLEY STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE {LC781/1} (Restructures professional development investment fund to assume duties of dissemination of curriculum materials/frameworks/assessments/development plans with annual allocation of \$200 per student.)

01/27/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5211](#)**

**BY Casimiro, Donovan, McNamara, Amore, O'Brien**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION {LC1046/1} (Provides two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to support comprehensive and effective afterschool, summer learning and workforce development programs for students in grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12).)

01/27/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5216](#)**

**BY O'Brien, Corvese, Kazarian, Williams, McNamara, Ajello, Casimiro, Amore ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FUNDING OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 - THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT) {LC589/1} (Requires charter schools that disenroll or return a student to the sending prior to the end of an academic year, to return all public received by the charter school to educate that student for that academic year.)

01/27/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5239](#)**

**BY Diaz, Slater, Perez, Alzate, Felix, Biah, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Tobon, Batista ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE WORLD LANGUAGE AND DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION ACT {LC942/1} (Establishes and require funding for a world language and dual language immersion program.)

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

02/04/2021 Committee transferred to House Finance

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5317](#)**

**BY Quattrocchi, Place, Filippi, Chippendale ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - ARIANNA'S SPEECH FLUENCY ACT {LC1086/1} (Requires screening for dyslexia and related disorders for public school students in grades kindergarten through grade four (K-4) and would provide for instruction in cursive writing.)

02/01/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5350](#)**

**BY Amore, Alzate, Messier, Williams, Barros, Fogarty, Biah ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ACCESS TO ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT {LC208/1} (Updates Access to Advanced Placement Courses for All Students Act.)

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

02/08/2021 Committee transferred to House Finance

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5367](#)**

**BY O'Brien, Corvese, McEntee, Craven, Costantino, Noret ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC585/1} (Extends the reimbursement to a school district or municipality for the employment of newly hired school resource officers only.)

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5450](#)**

**BY Williams, Messier, Vella-Wilkinson, Slater, Felix, Alzate**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE DISTRESSED COMMUNITY CHILD ENRICHMENT PROGRAM {LC108/1} (Establishes distress community child enrichment program to provide grants for education in distressed communities apportioned 75% to STEAM programs/25% to academic/non-academic programs with funding from portion of fees paid for center approvals/renewals.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5668](#)**

**BY Fellela, Serpa, Messier, McNamara, Amore**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHER'S RETIREMENT {LC1466/1} (Allows teachers, state and municipal employees to retire upon the earlier of reaching age sixty (60) with thirty (30) years of service or the employee's retirement eligibility date under present state statutes.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5679](#)**

**BY McEntee, Williams, Fogarty**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97-THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT) {LC1785/1} (Replaces the suspension year COLA for all retired teachers, state employees and municipal with a fractional COLA award of twenty-five percent (25%).)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5699](#)**

**BY Williams, Alzate, Barros, Hull, Amore, Henries, Biah, Batista, Abney, Morales**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION {LC2113/1} (Establishes "Increasing Opportunities for Teachers of Color Act".)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House Finance

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6029](#)**

**BY Kazarian, O'Brien, Fogarty, Alzate, McEntee, Morales, Potter, Kislak, Henries**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CATEGORICAL PROGRAMS, STATE FUNDED EXPENSES {LC1719/1} (Appropriates two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for FY-2022 for school social workers.)

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6030](#)**

**BY Tanzi, McEntee, Fogarty, Speakman, Donovan, Cortvriend**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC1788/1} (Provides that the state would reimburse the school committees for the costs of providing student transportation services to public and private school pupils.)

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6031](#)**

**BY Fogarty, Amore, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Hull, McEntee, Messier, McGaw, Donovan**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES {LC199/1} (Requires the department of education and the DCYF to develop a procedure to ensure that the municipalities where group homes or other residential facilities are located are reimbursed for the educational expenses above the cost allocated.)

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6140](#)**

**BY Amore, Fogarty, O'Brien, Cortvriend, Kazarian, Henries, Cassar**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES {LC176/1} (Requires state to reimburse the city/town for any costs associated with transporting children placed in foster care by RI-licensed child-placing agency or RI governmental agency to an educational facility outside the regional transportation district.)

03/17/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**The State House remains closed to in-person testimony.**

The meeting will be televised live on Capitol Television, which can be seen on Cox Channels 15, and 61, in high definition on Cox Channel 1061, on Full Channel on Channel 15 and on Channel 34 by Verizon subscribers.

It will also be live streamed at <http://rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx>.

## **WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

Written testimony is strongly encouraged and may be submitted via  
**HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov**

**Indicate your name, bill number, and viewpoint (for/against/neither) at top of message.  
Due to high volume, clerks are not screening this inbox for verbal testimony requests.  
This inbox is for written testimony only.**

DEADLINE: Written testimony should be submitted no later than three (3) hours prior to the posted meeting time. Every effort will be made to share written testimony submitted before the deadline with committee members prior to the hearing. Testimony received after deadline will be sent to committee members and posted to the website as soon as possible.

**For faster processing, it is recommended that testimony is submitted as a PDF file.**

**Testimony will be posted on the General Assembly website,  
<http://www.rilegislature.gov/Special/comdoc/Pages/HFIN.aspx>.**

## **VERBAL TESTIMONY**

Due to the extremely high volume of requests, and in order to accommodate as many constituents as possible, please take note of the revised procedure for verbal testimony:

**\*DEADLINE: Requests for verbal testimony must be submitted via the link, by 4:00 PM on Monday, March 22, 2021.**

For verbal testimony requests, [CLICK HERE](#)

Verbal testimony accepted on any bill scheduled for "Hearing and/or Consideration" only

The committee is unable to designate a specific time that you will be called. In the event you are unavailable when called, witnesses are urged to submit written testimony.

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